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Rev. J. Van Antwerp took a trip over to Merrill, Wednesday.

Spelling matches are all the rage in and about Dushville.

Myrtle Reed will attend the Normal school at Alma, Lakeview Enterprise.

Dr. J. H. Lancashire and family, of Saginaw, have been in town the most of this week.

W. A. Bahke will defend Alonzo Jewett, of Breckenridge, when his trial comes up on the 17th.

A. M. Wiley returned from a three weeks visit in the southwestern part of the state, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Courter returned Wednesday from a short visit with Mrs. C's parents at Vickeryville.

Trains have been late all the week.

The delay has been caused by heavy snow drifts all through the state.

Turner & Reynolds, the enterprising merchant millers, of Stanton, have our thanks for a handsome calendar.

T. A. Miller & Co. last week sold the Alma Union School a bill of over \$100 worth of books to be added to the school library.

The ladies of the Episcopal church will give an "old folks" concert at Wright's opera house Thursday evening, Jan. 20.

W. O. Johnson returned from Tennessee the latter part of the last week, looking well and hearty and reports a very enjoyable trip.

Miss Fannie Radcliff, of Plymouth, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. B. Walby for the past six weeks, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Sheldon, of this village, was called to Ann Arbor Monday by a telegram announcing the dangerous illness of her mother.

Prof. Walker's class now numbers nearly fifty, and all express themselves as very much pleased with the professor's ambition.

A large refrigerator, ice house and store room is being erected on the Sanitarium grounds for the use and convenience of that institution.

Warren Tomlinson, clerk at the sanitarium, is spending the week with friends at Union City. Mr. T., being a valuable assistant, is greatly missed.

At a revival meeting now in progress at Nashville they are praying for the whole populace of the place, alphabetically, devoting a day and an evening to each letter.

We were in error in stating that Jim Carr of "Devil's Ranch" notoriety would be granted a new trial. The supreme court has taken no action in the matter yet.

Michigan baggage masters are receiving notice not to check trunks containing jewelry, on account of the danger of suits for heavy damages should the trunks be lost.

The Evening News just got around, Tuesday, to mention Prof. Harding's marriage and the change in the Normal School. The Alma correspondents deserve a chrono for their promptness.

Henry W. Sandall, a prominent and reliable Forest Hill farmer, succeeds Henry L. Wood as supervisor of Pine River. The prevailing opinion seems to be that Mr. Sandall will prove an honest and efficient officer.

The association of prosecuting attorneys of this state will meet at Lansing, Tuesday, Jan. 25, for the purpose of formulating and suggesting to the legislature such laws as may be thought necessary for the conviction of criminals.

Miss Louie Todd, of Mt. Clemens, a grand-daughter and Mr. Wm. Simonson, of Detroit, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Rogers, have been spending the past three weeks with them. They returned to their respective homes Thursday morning.

Josiah Clark, a Sumner township pioneer, having settled there in '61, was taken ill and died while on a visit to his daughter in Elmore, New York. The funeral occurred upon the 4th inst at the deceased's late home in Sumner. Deceased was 73 years of age.

S. B. Heverlo, the ex-treasurer of this county, was in town Monday and gave the Record a pleasant call. He contemplates a trip through Nebraska and other adjoining states as soon as the weather shall have moderated sufficiently to admit of comfortable traveling.

A series of revival meetings is in progress at the M. E. church.

A. J. Brown, of Ithaca township, fills the place of M. R. Salter, now county clerk, upon the board of supervisors.

Last Thursday night the thermometers about town marked from 25 to 30 degrees below zero. Balmiest weather of the season.

Darius Reid, of Arcadia, seems to be deservedly popular among his brother supervisors. On the 3d inst. he was chosen chairman of that body by acclamation.

Fred Church exchanged his house and lot in this village for the farm of Titus Andrews, between here and Ithaca, last week, and has since exchanged the latter for Jos. Grover's farm just east of town.

WANTED:—Rooms to rent near the Normal by young ladies who wish to board themselves. Also several young men would like to obtain employment during part of the day so as to attend school. Address Normal.

The St. Louis salvation army received hard usage from the bums and thugs of that unsophisticated burg last Saturday night. A three-mile trip into civilization would do a great many citizens of that town good.

Glen Salisbury, with T. A. Miller & Co., and a student in chemistry at the Normal, one day this week analyzed a sample of the mineral water flowing so freely in our town. He found it to contain salts of calcium, magnesium, sodium, potassium and iron.

Ashley will soon have a paper of its own. Mr. Overacker, of the Shepard Review will start the publication of paper there about Feb. 1st. We also understand that parties from Baydeed have printing material on the ground, so the prospects are good for Ashley.—Ithaca Advertiser.

A petition has been forwarded to the legislature asking that the name of our sister village Estella be changed to Summer, the postoffice bearing the latter name. Mail is often addressed to Estella and delays and much inconvenience is thus caused. The petition should be granted.

Mrs. Laura G. Fixen, a Scandinavian lady, spoke upon the temperance question at the M. E. church, Saturday eve. She also gave a pleasant talk there Sunday morning and in the evening addressed a union meeting at the Cong'l church. All were impressed by her sincerity and earnestness.

Mr. B. W. Sperry, of Jackson, assumed the management of the Wright House yesterday. Mr. S. is a gentleman who comes here with very flattering testimonials as to character and ability, having been connected with the Brunswick Hotel, Detroit, and hotels in Bay City and Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Sperry and daughter arrived on Tuesday evening.

Amelia J. Brown, the two years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown died at the residence of her parents, Tuesday, of bronchial pneumonia. The funeral took place yesterday. This is the second child these bereaved parents have lost during their residence in Alma and they have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

The new union depot at Owosso Junction is a project which does not flourish and which has recently been put into the hands of the health officers. One railroad company wants to build and the other thinks the old and dilapidated shed good enough.—Ez.

If the officials who object to building a new depot were compelled to sit in the shed that now graces(?) the Junction and let the cockroaches and other vermin crawl over them, we think perhaps they might see the folly of their ways and repent.

Mrs. Susan B. Hulbert, an old resident of Alma, was removed to the home of a daughter in Ohio, the first of last week. She has been ill since early last fall and has been thought past recovery the most of the time, but has rallied sufficiently to allow her to be up again. It is not probable that she will ever see Alma again as she is quite an aged lady. She has been intimately connected with the history and growth of the village having been possessed of considerable means.

Gov. Luce is not completely happy yet. Henry Chamberlain, a prominent democrat of Three Oaks, threatens to have articles of impeachment brought against Luce. It is based on the provision of the state constitution that no person holding office under the state shall execute the office of governor. Gov. Luce has been a member of the state board of agriculture, and Mr. Chamberlain urged that this made him liable to impeachment. Luce sent in his resignation some time ago and supposed it was accepted, hence it would seem that Chamberlain is trying to see what he can do.

Mrs. Esther Spayde, an old resident of Alma, died Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock, at the residence of her son-in-law, Benj. Miller, just South of town. The deceased was a highly respected lady and was 75 years of age.

Art. D. Amsden left Monday for Alma where he commenced work upon the Record. Amsden served three years in this office and left here a thorough, practical printer, fully competent to conduct any branch of a country printing office.—Stanton Herald.

Marcus Pollasky attended the meeting of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, of which body he is a member, at Jackson, Wednesday. He reports a very pleasant session and as being much pleased with his associates on the board.

There is a strife between Ann Arbor, Adrian and Saginaw City for the possession of the proposed German Lutheran theological seminary, which the synod has decided to locate in Michigan, but, so far, Saginaw alone has shown a substantial ambition to possess it. Canvassing committees have been actively at work and they have secured enough promises of money to about assure Saginaw of the school.

Prof. B. A. Welstead, the new principal of the Normal, is guiding the affairs of the school with a strong and steady hand. He is a young man of push, integrity, and education. He was educated at King's College, London, and then spent five years in school in Switzerland and Paris. He was formerly associate principal with Mr. Harding, at Fenton, and hence knows just how to manage the school here. He fills the chair of modern languages with grace and ability. "The school has fallen into better hands than it was in before," says one of the teachers who has worked with him a year or a half.

John Roach, the noted ship builder died at his New York home, Monday morning at 8 o'clock, from a cancer very similar to that which caused Gen. Grant's death. His life is an example of what pluck will do. He has built 114 vessels, mostly at Chester, Pa., and they represent a value of more than \$50,000,000. Most of these vessels are steamships engaged in the South American trade. Ninety per cent of the iron vessels sailing under the American flag were built by John Roach; most of these belong to the merchant marine. His contracts with the government have amounted to about \$7,000,000, exclusive of the three new cruisers now being built. At one time his fortune was estimated at \$5,000,000.

The Saginaw train, which passes through here every morning at 8:40 came to grief Tuesday forenoon. The Grand Rapids Democrat says: The Saginaw train on the D. L. & N. railroad, jumped the track two miles north of Belmont. The accident was caused by the breaking of an axle under the baggage car, which was derailed. The other cars which made up the train, two passenger coaches, were thrown from the track and 10 feet down an embankment. W. W. Lee, the conductor, who was standing up at the time the accident occurred, was the only person hurt and he was slightly injured about the face and head. About 12 o'clock a wrecking train left this city for the scene of the accident and Mr. Lee was brought to this city and taken to the Eagle hotel. The wounded man is married and lives with his family at St. Louis. He will be able to go home tomorrow (Thursday.)

Since it has become apparent that Alma is not to have a toboggan slide this winter, we have heard several inquiries concerning the snow shoe club suggested by the Record some time ago. The Norwegian snow shoe is the only one we know much about, but as that figured quite extensively in the sport of our earlier years. We can give a few pointers regarding it. The shoe is a thin strip of polished ash, about 4 inches wide and six or seven feet long and turned up at the front. A block and strap in the middle furnishes support and fastening to the feet. The only essential things to be learned are to keep your balance and steer straight. A practiced snowshoer can go over level ground at a speed of between 10 and 12 miles per hour and keep it up all day if necessary. Perhaps a fairly steep hill affords the most sport, for down one of these the shoes just make one whizz, and one's equilibrium is lost nothing worse than a plunge into a snowbank follows. The sport is equally suitable for both ladies and gentlemen. It is healthful, invigorating, inexpensive and very funny and we propose that if Alma young people really want to enjoy themselves that they organize the Alma Snow Shoe Club. Who seconds the motion?

A new insurance company has just been organized at St. Louis, to be known as the "Michigan sickness and accident insurance company." Its directors are Hon. H. L. Wood, our present member of legislature; Hon. Jas. Paddock, judge of probate; Hon. Theo. Nelson, late superintendent of public instruction; Dr. Stiles Kennedy, postmaster, and Dr. A. R. Wheeler.

Grand Rapids' water supply has become exhausted and the reservoirs have been filled with canal water. The action is creating considerable indignation, as the canal is simply an open sewer and it has been long since such a nuisance that the board of health has contemplated ordering its abatement. It is a receptacle for garbage and filth of the blocks along its banks, a vault for the numerous outhouses which line it. From the time it leaves the head gates until it passes out into the river through the various flumes at the foot of the canal, it is constantly receiving deposits of filth and kitchen refuse. The soakings of all this filth is the stuff that is being furnished water consumers in the city. It is the diphtheria-breeding typhoid fever producing stuff that is being taken into the systems of the thousands of children who attend our public schools. It is the poison and malaria that is being taken in at the kitchen, to invite the doctor in at the front door.

The following are the amounts of the bonds of the several county officers, so far as have been filed and approved, with the names of the sureties: Sheriff \$10,000, sureties, J. H. Seaver of Ithaca and Marcus Pollasky and Geo. Palfrey of Alma. Clerk \$8,000, sureties, Wilbur Nelson and A. S. Barber. The treasurer is required to file two bonds, one to the state and one to the county, the former in the sum of \$15,000, and the latter \$40,000. The sureties on Mr. Brier's bond are E. W. Kellogg, Wilbur Nelson and A. S. Barber. Register of deeds, \$5,000, sureties, A. B. Darragh and T. W. Whitney of St. Louis. Circuit court commissioners \$300. The bond of Mr. Brown has been filed, and has as sureties A. J. Brown and J. W. Howard of Ithaca. A. J. Crandall, the second court commissioner, has not yet filed his bond, neither have the coroners, Ithaca Journal.

The public installation of the officers of Alma Lodge I. O. O. F., to take place next Monday evening, promises to be very interesting and entertaining. Hon. Geo. M. Dewey, of Owosso, Grand Warden for the State of Michigan, will act as installing officer and will give a short talk on Oddfellowship. The uniform degree camps of Ithaca and St. Louis will attend in full uniform. The choir of the Congregational church will render some of their choicest vocal selections and Wright's Opera House Band will furnish instrumental music in their usual excellent style. The admission is free by tickets which may be obtained from any member of the lodge. As this is the first ceremony of the kind that has ever taken place in the town for some time, and as great pains have been taken to make it a red letter eve for Oddfellowship we are assured that all who stay away will miss an intellectual treat. The entertainment will take place in the Opera House at 8 p.m.

Mr. S. A. Smith, for the past two years manager of the Wright House, severed his connection with that noted hostelry and turned over the management to B. W. Sperry, his successor. Mr. Smith's departure from Alma will be regretted by our citizens generally and the good wishes of all who know him will go with him and his estimable wife wherever they may cast their lot in the future. As a hotel manager Mr. S. has no superiors and few equals in the State. When he took the management of the Wright House it was not paying expenses and under his able pilotage it has attained a paying basis and is undoubtedly to-day the most popular hotel in Michigan. From an experience of two years' business intercourse with Mr. Smith we can say that there is not a more pleasant and accomplished man in Alma to do business with. He is always prompt, reliable and obliging. Perhaps none will miss him more than the employees of the hotel, with whom he was very popular. As a token of their esteem they gave Mr. and Mrs. Smith a number of very handsome presents New Years, among them being a dressing case from the girls; from the boys a gold lace pin to Mrs. Smith and a coin silver gold-lined tobacco box to Mr. Smith; a silver cup and saucer to each from Jennie Davis and May Ryan; a silver cup to each from Nellie Youngs and Amy Cummings. *Mr. and Mrs. Smith leave to-day for Grand Rapids where they will visit friends. As yet Mr. S. has not decided where he will locate, but has several first-class offers under consideration.

An important change occurred in the Alma Sash and Door Company the first of the week, Mr. L. C. Wright buying a one-half interest. Mr. Wright was at one time in business here and has the reputation of being a careful, painstaking business man. Mr. W. will look after the financial interests of the firm leaving the supervision of the inside work to Mr. Bradley who is a skilled workman, understanding the business in all its details. We predict for the new firm success and prosperity.

Alma Public School Notes.

Last Wednesday afternoon escaping steam from a fracture in the pipe caused by freezing during vacation, did considerable damage to Mr. Stilwell's zoological collection.

David Leech has been employed in the place of Chas. Scott as janitor at the school house. A better selection could not have been made.

A half column article concerning the book-keeping class in our union school has been published in the School Moderator, a state educational paper of large circulation.

A set of rules for governing the public schools were established a few years ago by the school board, all of which the board have decided to have enforced at present; among them is one designed to prevent unnecessary tardiness and absence of pupils; the rule requires all excuses to be written. If a pupil shall have been tardy four times or absent three days during any consecutive four weeks without satisfactory written excuse, he shall be temporarily suspended; that is, sent home until the parents apply to the board for his re-admission. The rule also provides that the parents shall be notified when one more tardy mark or half day's absence will reach the limit.

It may be that the "written excuse" nuisance punishes the parent more than the child; and it may be that the parent deserves it more than the child for when verbal excuses are in order, nine-tenths of them are "we did not have breakfast or dinner in time," but it is hoped that few excuses will be required.

Glad Tidings.

Chadwick & Walbridge would respectfully announce to the public that they have secured the services of L. D. Rodman, the old and experienced ice hand to manage the ice business for them this winter and all that want anything in that line, please confer with them. 409 1/2 St.

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Notice.

The annual meeting of the "Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company" of Gratiot and Isabella counties, will be held at Wright's Opera House in Alma, on Tuesday, the 8th day of February next, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time the subject of amending the charter of the company will be considered and voted upon. T. A. JOHNSON, Sec'y., Alma, Dec. 29, 1886. 408 1/2